



---

## ***JUDICIAL PROFILE***

**William L. Topf III** was appointed a Superior Court Judge in 1991 and has spent time on civil and criminal court assignments. Currently he is assigned to the Family Court Department. Judge Topf started his career in public service in 1975, becoming a Deputy Public Defender. After two years in public defense work, he became the Director of the Criminal Defense Internship at the Arizona State University College of Law, and served from 1977 to 1981. He was a Superior Court Commissioner from 1981 to 1986, and worked as a judge pro tem on a regular basis. From 1987 to 1991 he was the Maricopa County Public Fiduciary, the office charged with overseeing probate and mental health legal matters for disabled adults needing public assistance. In 1991, he became a Special Assistant Attorney General and was appointed to the bench 10 months later. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of San Francisco in 1972 and his law degree from Arizona State University in 1974.

Judge Topf's long and varied career in public service provides a broad base of knowledge for dealing with a variety of cases filed in court. His work on the bench has been principally dedicated to trial work and the management of his court calendar.

